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SUBJECT: FRG-IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

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1. GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR GERMAN-IRANIAN
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED
ON JUNE 30. PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN BONN REPORTS
THAT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY
SUBSEQUENT SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS. LIST OF PROJECTS DOES
NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. EMBASSY
CONTACTS EXPLAINED THAT SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR
NUCLEAR COOPERATION WAS NOT DISCUSSED. FRG HAS NOT YET
COMPLETED ITS CONSIDERATION OF SAFEGUARDS AND RELATED
POINTS.

2. ACCORDING TO GERMAN PRESS RELEASE, PROGRAMS FOR
COOPERATION WILL INCLUDE: DEVELOPMENT OF RAW MATERIAL
RESERVES, COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY; DESALTING
IRRIGATION, CHEMICAL AND PETRO-CHEMICAL PROCESS
TECHNOLOGY AND THE PLANNING AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC
SYSTEMS. GERMAN "BIG-SCIENCE INSTITUTES" WILL ASSIST
IN THIS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND IN THE EXPANSION OF
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THE IRANIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY. NUCLEAR

TECHNOLOGY IS NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED IN THE PRESS
RELEASE.

3. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED STATUS OF GERMAN-IRANIAN NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT WITH AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL FROM FRG
MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. HE EXPLAINED THAT
THE FRG DELEGATION WHICH VISITED IRAN TO SIGN THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR S&T COOPERATION ON JUNE 30 HAD
NOT DISCUSSED THE SPECIFIC NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH
THE IRANIANS. THE FRG HAD NOT YET COMPLETED THEIR
CONSIDERATION OF THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS,
INCLUDING PHYSICAL SECURITY AND THE POSSIBLE ROLE
OF MULTI-NATIONAL NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN THE SAFEGUARDS
PROCESS. FURTHERMORE, THE IRANIANS THEMSELVES WERE
WELL AWARE THAT SUCH PROVISIONS IN ANY ONE OF THE
SEVERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED COULD
BE PRECEDENTIAL. THEY WISHED TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY
AND UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENTS. HE COULD NOT PREDICT
WHEN FRG-IRAN NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED BUT NOTED
THAT MATTER IS SOMEWHAT URGENT BECAUSE BOTH SIDES
WISH TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SALE OF
THE TWO GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO IRAN,
INCLUDING THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR LICENSING.
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